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Mr. Chris Bussen
Mid-America Regional Council SWMD
1971 SE Hamblen Rd
Lee's Summit, Mo 64082

Dear Mr. Bussen:

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Waste Management Program (WMP) has received the final Independent Auditors' Report Performance Audit of Region E- Mid-America Regional Council Solid Waste Management District (District), conducted by McBride, Lock, & Associates, LLC of Kansas City, Missouri. The performance audit of District "E" was completed in accordance with 260.325.10, RSMo.

We have reviewed the findings made by the accounting firm and the District's responses to those findings. We have prepared a list of recommended actions (enclosed) that we recommend the District take to correct problems identified in the audit. Our recommended actions are addressed in the same order as the issues in the accountants' report.

Your response to our recommended actions should be submitted in writing to WMP within 90 days of this letter's date. We will be able to review your response more quickly if you follow the same order as the list of recommended actions.

After the WMP receives your written comments regarding the recommended actions, WMP will contact you to reach a final resolution of the audit findings.

We appreciate your assistance with these auditing efforts. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Debbie Ickes at Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Waste Management Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102, by phone at (573) 526-3937 or by email at debbie.ickes@dnr.mo.gov.

Sincerely,

WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Richard A. Kempker, Chief
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Enclosure

c: Ms. Lisa McDaniel, Mid-America Regional Council SWMD

Performance Audit Follow-up
Region E – Solid Waste Management District
January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017

1. Fiscal Year-End Carryover and Interest Income

Auditor Recommendation:

We recommend the District allocate excess interest and carryover funds to projects other than District operations in the District's next request for project proposals or obtain approval from DNR to retain such funds.

District Response:

The District agreed with the finding and the recommendation. The District will work with the program to ensure all carryover funds are approved or reduced to an appropriate balance.

WMP Response:

WMP agrees with the auditor's recommendation. Per 10 CSR 80-9 "at the end of a district's fiscal year, any district carryover funds and interest income in excess of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) shall be allocated for projects other than district operations in the district's next request for project proposals in accordance with section 260.335, RSMo., unless approved by the department."

WMP Recommendation:

WMP recommends the District take action to comply with this finding within the next grant fiscal year. The District should ensure any carryover or interest income be used as soon as possible or submit a request for approval of funds to be held. This finding will remain open until we receive a request or use of carryover and interest funds.